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NEBRASKA HOG INVENTORY UP 5 PERCENT

LINCOLN, Neb., March 31, 2006 -- Nebraska inventory of all hogs and pigs on March 1, 2006, was 2.90 million head, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, Nebraska Field Office. This was up 5 percent from March 1, 2005 and up 2 percent from December 1, 2005. Breeding inventory, at 355,000 head, was unchanged from March 1, 2005 but up 1 percent from last quarter. Market hog inventory, at 2.55 million head, was 6 percent above last year and 2 percent above last quarter.

The December 2005-February 2006 Nebraska pig crop, at 1.60 million head, was 2 percent more than 2005 and 3 percent above 2004. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 175,000 head, unchanged from last year.

Nebraska hog producers intend to farrow 175,000 sows during the March-May 2006 quarter, unchanged from the actual farrowings during the same period in 2005 and 2004. Intended farrowings for June-August 2006, at 175,000 sows, are unchanged from last year and two years ago.

U.S. HOG INVENTORY UP 1 PERCENT

U.S. inventory of all hogs and pigs on March 1, 2006 was 60.1 million head. This was up 1 percent from March 1, 2005 but down 2 percent from December 1, 2005. Breeding inventory, at 6.03 million head, was up 1 percent from last year and up slightly from the previous quarter. Market hog inventory, at 54.1 million head, was up 1 percent from last year but down 2 percent from last quarter.

The December 2005-February 2006 pig crop, at 25.7 million head, was up 1 percent from 2005 and up 2 percent from 2004. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 2.84 million head, up slightly from both 2004 and 2005.

U.S. hog producers intend to have 2.90 million sows farrow during the March-May 2006 quarter, up 1 percent from the actual farrowings during the same period in both 2004 and 2005. Intended farrowings for June-August 2006, at 2.92 million sows, are up slightly from 2005 and up 1 percent from 2004.

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